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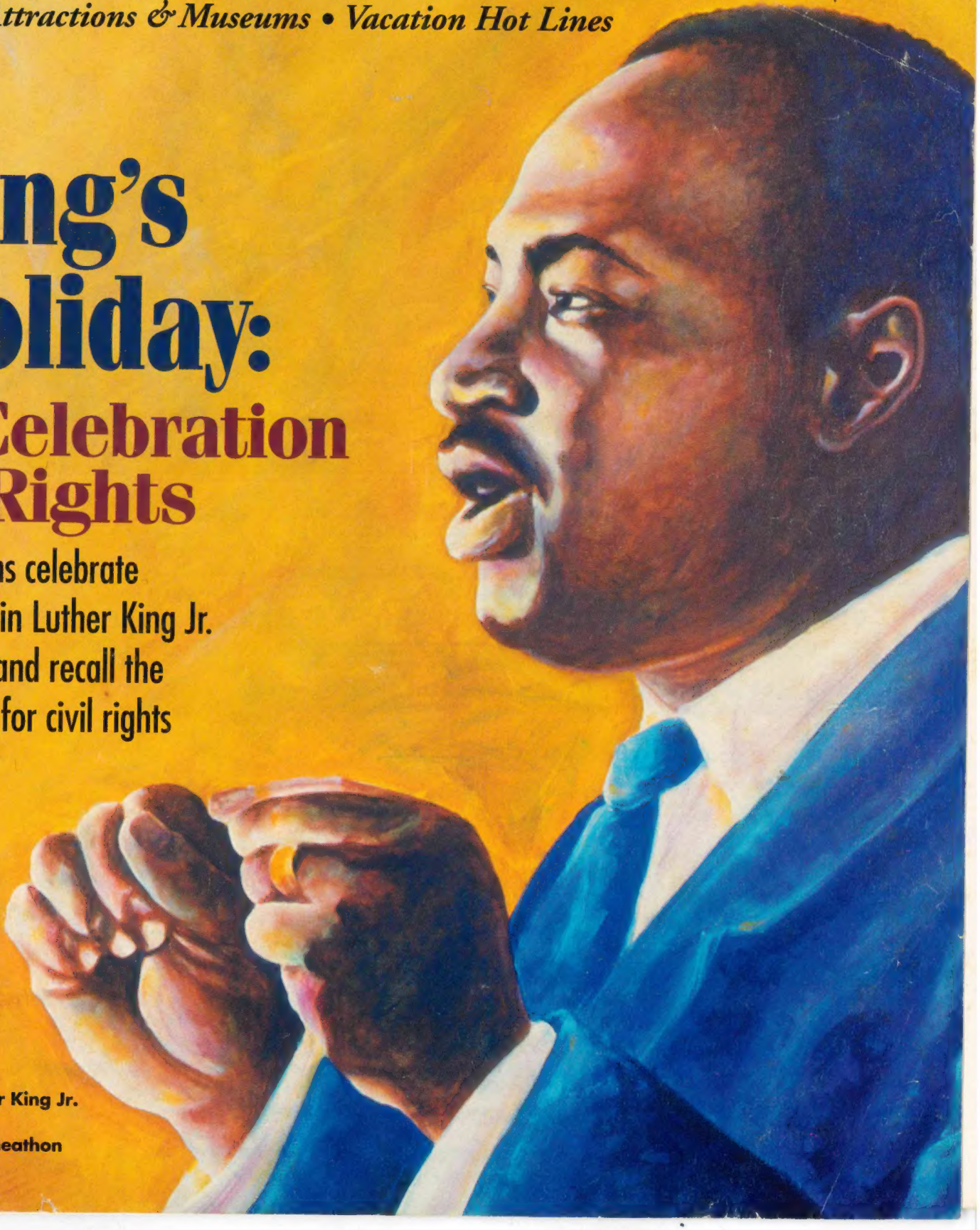

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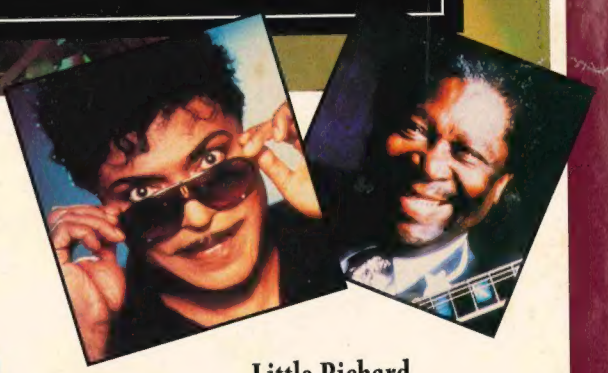

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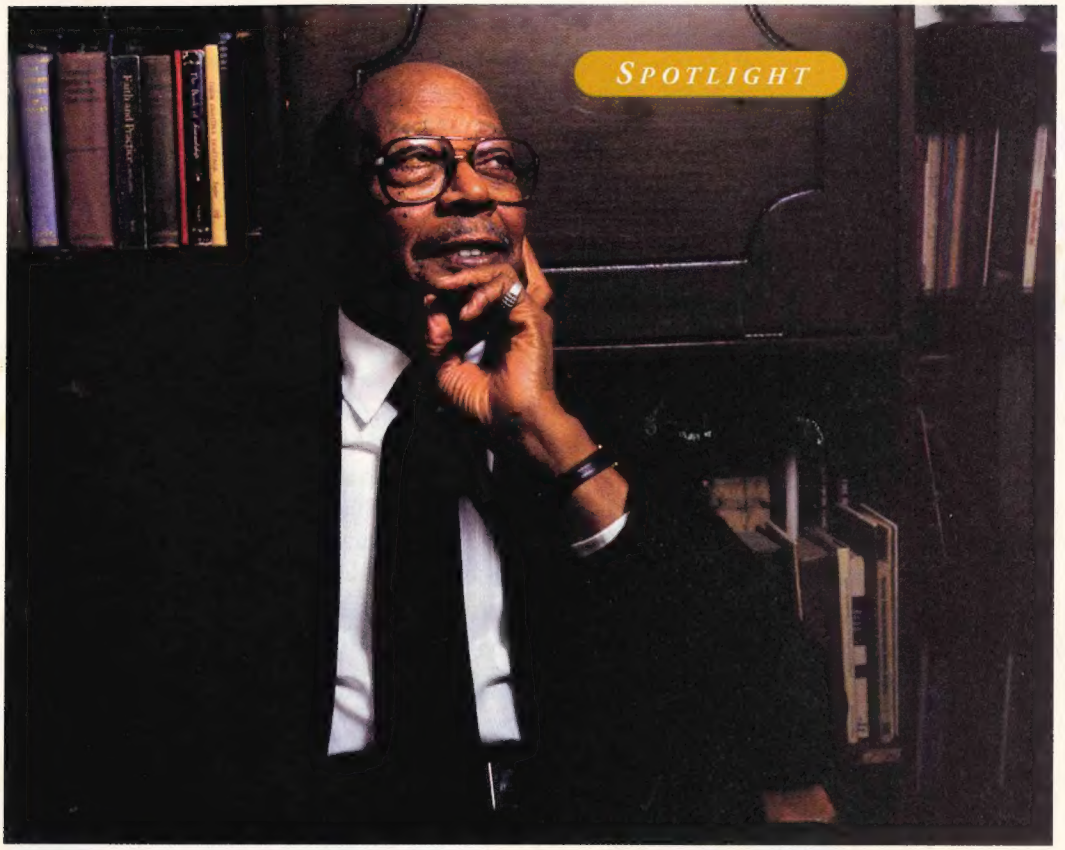

Nevadans celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday with events while recalling the man and the civil-rights movement.

A civil-rights leader in Northern Nevada, the Reverend David B. Meadows of Reno was instrumental in the struggle to integrate the state's casinos in the '50s and '60s.

A Celebration of Rights

By Verita Black

It is hard for me to believe that a few years before I was born, African-Americans could not walk into a casino to see a show or bet on a game of blackjack. It is equally difficult for me to imagine my parents and their compatriots marching in the snow to gain access to those same gaming facilities.

As a Reno native who has heard the stories and seen the pain and triumph in the retelling, I know that the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 20, is far more than a day off from work. It is an opportunity to reflect on a movement that changed the course of this country's history in a positive way. It is also a time to honor the local heroes who, with few resources except their determination, fought the grass-roots battles for civil rights. Two such heroes are the Reverend David B. Meadows of Reno and Dr. James McMillan of Las Vegas.

Meadows recalls the beginnings of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in Nevada.

Reverend Meadows was our leader in the struggle for equality in Northern Nevada. With a smooth, eloquent speaking style, he inspired people to attend meetings, participate in marches, and organize fund-raising rallies.

Now 84, Meadows, who is associate pastor of Second Baptist Church in Reno, recalls the beginnings of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in Nevada. "It was a good feeling when that day became a holiday, after all the hard work and effort by so many people. Dr. King was a great man," he says. "We worked hard locally to support him and to gain civil rights here."

The issues of the late '50s and '60s—

Martin Luther King Jr. is honored in Nevada at several holiday events.

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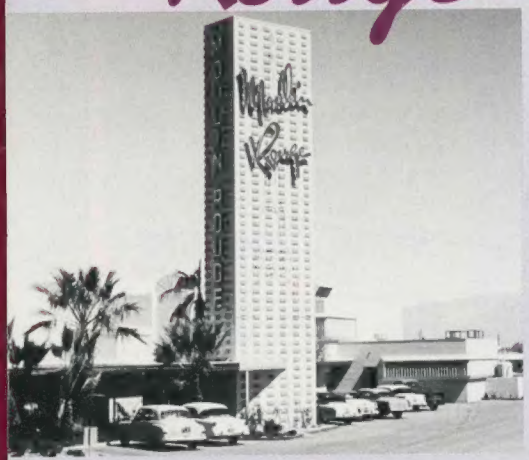
Show Time at the Moulin Rouge



The Moulin Rouge became the state's first integrated hotel in 1955.

During five glorious months in 1955, Nevada's first integrated hotel, the Moulin Rouge, secured a place in Las Vegas history. At the time African-Americans could not stay or play in Nevada casinos, a situation that would last until 1960.

When the Moulin Rouge opened in May 1955, it became not only a hit with African-Americans but also the city's hottest late-night hangout. Celebrities such as Nat King Cole, Jack Benny, George Burns, Gracie Allen, and Kay Starr crowded into the showroom to see the "Tropi-Can-Can" production show and listen to Lionel Hampton, Dinah Washington, and Les Brown. Financial woes forced the casino to close in October 1955. The hotel and coffee shop have remained open over the years, but the Moulin Rouge's glory days represent a singular era that was an important part of the city's heritage.

The Moulin Rouge has been named a historic landmark by the Las Vegas City Council and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Now community groups are working to restore the aging hotel to its former elegance. Securing the financing has not been easy, according to hotel president James Walker. He says to date there are commitments for $4 million, but the club's owners and the Moulin Rouge Preservation Association need another $3 million for the project. They believe the hotel's days of glory can return.—*Ann Henderson*

jobs and economic security—still concern millions of people today. "We wanted to integrate the clubs because they directed how everything else went in this state with regard to jobs. The only Negroes who could go in there were the few women who worked as maids. Entertainers who performed couldn't even stay in the hotels. So we raised money in Reno, Hawthorne, and Las Vegas to hire an attorney, Charles Keller, as our lobbyist."

"Entertainers who performed couldn't even stay in the hotels," Meadows says.

Meadows, who speaks like an Ivy League English professor, reminisced about the movement's triumphs and setbacks. "Once I barbecued all night for an NAACP fund-raiser the next day. We sold six or seven hundred dollars in dinners—and someone stole the money while we were in the park. I was so hurt. That was a lot of money in those days. But we were still able to raise enough money to retain Mr. Keller's services. The Lord really blessed us."

Meadows worked on the national level as well, serving as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1964 and going on the road with the legendary Freedom Riders.

"The trip I took to Mississippi in 1961 was something else. There were 18 of us who went from the West Coast. We flew to Jackson, where we were met at the airport by 18 policemen. They said they were there to escort us to our meeting," he says with a chuckle. At that time, being escorted anywhere by policemen in Mississippi could have been a life-threatening experience.

"We told them we could make it without their help. And we certainly did. Dr. King was at that meeting. That was the first of two times I ever saw him. He was there even though there was a death threat if he ever returned to Mississippi soil," Meadows says. "At the meeting we saw others in the struggle who had welt marks from being beaten with water hoses. We came home even more determined to gain civil rights."

He speaks with pride about the decisive

In 1962, NAACP members from Reno and Las Vegas convened in Hawthorne for a strategy meeting and later demonstrated against segregation.

Photos: Jay Florian Mitchell/Nevada State Museum and Historical Society (left), University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections (right)

point in Nevada's civil-rights struggle. "We organized a caravan from Reno to the State Capitol in Carson City. We had people join us from Hawthorne and Las Vegas chapters [of the NAACP].

"We started down Virginia Street, and there were white people who stopped us and asked what we were doing," he recalls. "We told them we were going to march on the Capitol for our rights. And you know what? A lot of them turned around and followed us to Carson City and marched right along with us.

"We only had to march one time. I believe the civil-rights laws passed during the next legislative session. I feel we did a good job. I only hate that now so many young people don't realize how hard we worked for the things they take for granted."

Dr. McMillan also remembers those years. McMillan, 79, was the first African-American board-certified dentist in Nevada and was president of the Las Vegas chapter of the NAACP in the late '50s.

"Las Vegas was a segregated city," he says. "Blacks could only go in black- or Chinese-owned clubs on the West Side. We had to use 'colored only' facilities,

Dr. James McMillan of Las Vegas received threats while helping to organize civil-rights efforts in Nevada.

and there were no blacks working for the city or county. It was very hard work to end segregation in Las Vegas.

"There were employment problems with companies as well. Many wouldn't hire blacks, even the ones who did business on the West Side. So we decided to boycott them," he adds. "In fact, I started receiving calls from mob people, who at that time owned casinos. They told me to stop what I was doing or they would drop me in Lake Mead."

McMillan helped organize civil-rights efforts in Reno and in Hawthorne, which, with its military base, had a large black population. "Along with the Reno branch, we met in Hawthorne and demonstrated in front of the big gambling hall there. We thought it was important that it be desegregated, too, so that people who were driving from Las Vegas to Reno would have someplace to stay. Eventually, Hawthorne opened up, too. We had a hard time in Northern Nevada. The hotel owners refused to even meet with us," he says. "But the march we had in Carson City was very effective."

McMillan recalls meeting King in Las Vegas. "He was the guest speaker at our NAACP banquet," he says. King spoke to the gathering at the request of Las Vegan Robert Bailey, who attended Morehouse College in Atlanta with King. "He was very inspiring and got people fired up to go forward."

Verita Black is the public information officer for the National Judicial College in Reno.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Events

Many civic and social groups in Nevada are working to see that Martin Luther King Jr.'s memory is not taken for granted. Holiday events will include (Nevada's area code is 702):

Las Vegas

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee 17th Annual Banquet: January 11, Mirage Hotel. Entertainment will be provided by the jazz group Balance. Guest speaker will be Dr. Lonise Bias, who became an activist on youth problems after her son, Len Bias, a first-round draft pick of the Boston Celtics, died of a drug overdose. Her other son, Jay, was the victim of a drive-by shooting. Tickets are $75 per person, benefiting student scholarships. Call 631-1913.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Talent Showcase: January 15, Las Vegas High School. Song, dance, verse, skits, and step shows. Free admission. Call 631-1913.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade: January 18, at Las Vegas Boulevard South and Bridger Avenue. The pageantry begins at 10 a.m.

Peace Around the World Celebration: January 18, Rafael Rivera Community Center. Ethnic celebration with world peace programs, dances, song, information booths, and carnival games. Call 229-4600.

"A Raisin in the Sun": January 30-February 9, Judy Bayley Theater, UNLV. Broadway play explores black identity and the quest for liberation. Call 895-3535.

Silent Pride: Portraits of the Million Man March: January 23-March 23. Photo exhibit at the Clark County Library. Call 733-7810.

In Celebration: Black History Month: February 4-March 4, Moonstruck Gallery. Thomas Blackshear's paintings and Ebony Visions porcelin images. Call 800-421-9133.

Sunday Gospel Brunch: Weekly performances at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. at the Country Star American Music Grill on the Strip. Call 740-8400.

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Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington: Thru January 24, Carson City Library. A Smithsonian exhibit. Call 887-2244 ext. 1021.

The Life of Duke Ellington: January 4 and 11, Carson City Library. Free lectures by Scott Faulkner. Call 887-2244 ext. 1021.

Field Hollers and Work Songs: The Tap Roots of Jazz: January 8, Carson City Library. Free lecture by KUNR jazz host Kenn West. Call 887-2244 ext. 1021.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Dinner: January 13, Rose Ballroom, John Ascuaga's Nugget. Guest speaker will be Dr. King's youngest daughter, the Reverend Bernice King. Call 329-8990.

Patti LaBelle Concert: January 18-19, John Ascuaga's Nugget. Benefit for the Northern Nevada Black Awareness Society. Call 800-648-1177 or 356-3300.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community-Wide Service: January 19, St. John's Presbyterian Church. Call 329-8990.

Youth Breakfast: January 20, John Ascuaga's Nugget. Honors academically talented students. Call 329-8990.

Patti LaBelle performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget on January 18-19.

Photo: Gary Elam (top)

Nevada Territories

To assist you in your travels through Nevada, the state has been divided into five territories: Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, Cowboy Country, Pony Express, and Pioneer. Indian Territory encompasses all of Nevada.

Map: Nevada Commission on Tourism

Las Vegas Territory

EVENTS

The Las Vegas area offers many winter cultural activities. Music lovers can see and hear the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, the Paris Opera Ballet, and the always swinging Doc Severinsen and His Big Band. The following listing is divided into areas of interest. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times. The area code is 702 throughout Nevada.

January & February

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee 17th Annual Banquet • Jan. 11 • Guest speaker is youth activist Dr. Lonise Bias; musical entertainment by Balance. Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas, 631-1913.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Talent Showcase • Jan. 15 • Las Vegas High School, 631-1913.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade • Jan. 18 • Las Vegas Blvd. South and Bridger Avenue, Las Vegas, 631-1913.

Peace Around the World Celebration • Jan. 18 • Demonstrations, booths, and carnival games. Rafael Rivera Community Center, Las Vegas, 229-4600.

Chinese New Year • Feb. 8 • Cultural performances, ethnic art, food, Lion Dance. Chinatown Plaza, Las Vegas, 252-0400.

Mesquite Chili and Art Festival • Feb. 15-16 • Chili and ribs cook-off, arts and crafts fair. Downtown Mesquite, 346-ARTS.

Black History Month Celebration • Feb. 18-22 • Senior luncheon Feb. 18, talent show Feb. 20, and youth night Feb. 22. Doolittle Community Center, Las Vegas, 229-6374.

PERFORMANCES

Winter Stage Combat Workshop • Jan. 2-8 • Workshop on sword fighting skills for the theater. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 895-3662.

Senior Adult Theatre Festival • Jan. 5-9 • Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, and the Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, 895-3666.

Paris Opera Ballet • Jan. 10 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas,

Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra • Jan. 17 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 895-3535.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" • Jan. 18-19, 23-26 • Classic play. Actors Repertory Theatre, Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 647-7469.

The Duttons • Jan. 23 • Concert. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 346-2787.

Concert by Vernon Robison • Jan. 27 • Classical pianist performs. Ron Dalley Theatre, Moapa Valley High School, Logandale, 397-2193.

Budapest Festival Orchestra • Jan. 28 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 895-3535.

"A Raisin in the Sun" • Jan. 30-31, Feb. 1-2, and 5-9 • Drama by playwright Lorraine Hansberry about racism and the African-American quest for equality. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 895-3535.

Moscow Festival Ballet • Feb. 4-5 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 895-3535.

"Choreographer on the Line" • Feb. 9 • Opus Dance Ensemble. Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 732-9646.

Doc Severinsen and His Big Band • Feb. 11 • Horn Theatre. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 651-5483.

"Funny Girl" • Feb. 11-16 • Broadway touring company musical stars Debbie Gibson. Theatre for the Performing Arts, Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, 736-0240 or 736-0419.

The Jesters • Feb. 13 • Concert of classic American music. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 346-2787.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" • Feb. 15-16 • Nevada Dance Theatre performance. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 732-3838.

"Around the World in 80 Days" • Feb. 18 • Jules Verne play performed for children at 10am and noon. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 800-497-5007.

Las Vegas Marimba Quartet • Feb. 21 • Chamber music. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 895-3535.

"1940s Radio Hour" • Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28-March 2 • Broadway play. Horn Theatre, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 651-5483.

Beachfront Property • Feb. 27 • Concert featuring jazz and pop classics. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 346-2787.

Snowbox Derby enthusiasts catch a great ride on Mount Charleston, 40 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

EXHIBITS

City Series in Desert Form: Sculptured Bowls and Teapots • Thru Jan. 7 • Ceramic sculptures by Robin Stark. West Charleston Library, Las Vegas, 878-3682.

Visibility Unlimited • Thru Jan. 31 • Karen Sandquist's oil paintings of Southern Nevada. Library, Laughlin, 298-1081.

Nevada Watercolor Society Fall Show • Thru Feb. 16 • Juried show. Spring Valley Library, Las Vegas, 368-4411.

Resisted Images Dyed on Silk • Thru April 6 • Artist M.J.M. Hernandez's landscapes and abstracts. West Las Vegas Library, 647-2117.

Beyond Gum San: The Story of the Chinese in Nevada • Thru May 18 • Exhibit honors the importance of the Chinese people in the history of Nevada. Nevada State

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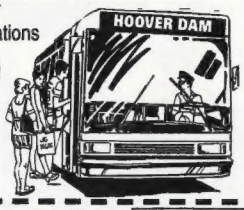

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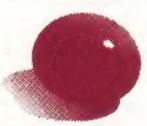

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Las Vegas

Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 486-5205.
Sagebrush Stradivarius • Thru June 30 • Display of violins made by miner Wilfrid Gagnon. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 486-5205.
Inside the Glitter: Portraits of Workers in Nevada's Casino Industry • Jan. 23-March 23 • Photographs by Kit Miller of Washoe Valley. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 733-7810.
Silent Pride: Portraits of the Million Man March • Jan. 23-March 23 • Lisa Margerum's photos of the Oct. 16, 1995, event. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 733-7810.
Saynday Was Coming Along • Jan. 25-March 15 • Kiowa artist Silverhorn's exhibit about Saynday, the Kiowa trickster. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955.
Boulder City Art Guild Exhibit • Feb. 1-28 • Lost City Museum. Overton, 397-2193.
Animals Eat • Feb. 1-April 30 • Whimsical look at animals' eating habits. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 382-5437.
In Celebration: Black History Month • Feb. 4-March 4 • Thomas Blackshear's paintings. Moonstruck Gallery, Las Vegas, 800-421-9133.
Best of Nevada Camera Club • Feb. 19-April 22 • Spring Valley Library, Las Vegas, 368-4411.

SPORTS & COMPETITIONS

Las Vegas Thunder Hockey • The Thunder plays Jan. 3-4 v. Kansas City Blades, Jan. 7 v. Houston Aeros, Jan. 14 v. Milwaukee Admirals, Jan. 17 v. San Antonio Dragons, Jan. 28 v. Manitoba Moose, Feb. 4 v. Kansas City Blades, Feb. 7 v. Utah Grizzlies, Feb. 8 v. Indianapolis Ice, Feb. 11 v. Long Beach Ice Dogs, Feb. 14 v. Quebec Rafales, Feb. 21 and Feb. 25 v. Michigan K Wings, Feb. 28 v. Chicago Wolves. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 798-PUCK.
Charity Golf Classic • Jan. 11 • Open to first 128 players, $200 registration fee, proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House in Las Vegas. Players Island Golf Course, Mesquite, 346-7537.
UNLV Basketball • The Runnin' Rebels play Jan. 11 v. Hawaii, Jan. 30 v. Colorado State, Feb. 1 v. Wyoming, Feb. 15 v. San Jose State, Feb. 17 v. Fresno State, Feb. 20 v. Air Force Academy, Feb. 22 v. Texas Christian. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 895-3614.
Pro Baseball Arm Wrestling Championships • Jan. 15-20 • Major and minor league baseball players compete. Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas, 646-0237.
YMCA Snowbox Derby • Jan. 25 • Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort, Lee Canyon, Mount Charleston, 877-9622.
Super Bowl Parties • Jan. 26 • Football festivities at hotel-casinos throughout Southern Nevada.
Vegas Shoot • Jan. 31 and Feb. 1-2 • Archery championship and show. Sands Expo and Convention Center, Las Vegas, 795-7103.
Las Vegas International Marathon and Half-Marathon • Feb. 9 • Finish line at Vacation Village Hotel, Las Vegas, 876-3870.

COMING EVENTS

Laughlin River Roundup • March 3-6 • 298-2214.
WAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships • March 3-8 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 892-0711.
"Hamlet" • March 3-13 • Utah Shakespeare Festival, North Las Vegas, 651-5483.

A Show of His Own

Danny Gans is making his hits as an impressionist. By Michael Paskevich

It's a whole new ballgame for impressionist Danny Gans. The former baseball player has hit a home run as a Las Vegas headliner, ending any "who the heck is he?" trash talk while earning a spot in the starring lineup.

Gans opened the Stratosphere last summer with a song-and-dance act that featured dead-on vocal takes of everyone from Al Pacino, Frank Sinatra, and Sarah Vaughn to Nat King (and Natalie) Cole and Eric Clapton. Gans quickly became a showroom favorite. In December he departed the Stratosphere as the city's hottest young property and will open a new show at the Rio in mid-January.

Rio headliner Danny Gans went from the Show to the showroom.

Reflecting on the success of his show, Gans, 37, recalls how he once dreamed of reaching the Show—baseball's major leagues. As a prospect in the Los Angeles Dodgers' system, Gans knocked the ball all over parks in the Northwest League in the late 1970s, leading the circuit in home runs as a third baseman with a good glove and decent speed.

"There was talk of me being traded to San Diego and going right up to the big leagues," he recalls. But his dream ended on a fluke play. While filling in defensively at first base, Gans was spiked in the ankle, and the resulting injury, a severed Achilles tendon, ended his baseball career.

"I remember being in the ambulance that night," he says. "I looked out the doors, saying good-bye to baseball, and I remember the umpire shouting, 'Play ball!' That was the end of a chapter in my life, and it was time to move on."

Baseball's loss would be show biz's gain. Gans decided to test his comedic skills. He says, "I used to goof around with voices in the locker room," sometimes trading doo-wop riffs with future Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith.

So Gans took to the road, working comedy clubs and developing his ability to hear a famous voice and duplicate it with uncanny accuracy. At one point his father, Sid Gans, who ironically became an entertainer after his own dream of playing pro ball was ended by injury, took Danny aside.

"He said, 'I'm going to take you to see somebody, and you are going to find the answer,'" says Gans. "That somebody turned out to be Sammy Davis Jr. It was at the tail end of his career, and Sammy just totally blew me away. He sang great, performed songs that brought me to tears, was hysterically funny, and played instruments. My dad turned to me and asked, 'So, now do you know?'"

Thus inspired to become an entertainer who can connect with an audience and draw emotion from it, Gans hit his stride. He began opening for stars like Joan Rivers and Bill Cosby. Strong reviews convinced him that he could be a headliner, although it took Vegas entertainment bookers a few years to agree.

Meanwhile, he worked the lucrative convention circuit, winning a Corporate Entertainer of the Year award. He played Dean Martin in a TV mini-series about Frank Sinatra and had a recurring role in the TV police drama *Silk Stalkings*. Gans turned down a chance to extend an engagement at the Neil Simon Theatre on Broadway. "New York is not the kind of place I wanted to raise my family," says the father of three.

So Gans waited. His big break came last year when the newly opened Stratosphere made the relatively unknown impressionist and his three-piece band its resident showroom attraction.

"We kind of keep pinching ourselves," he says. "What's happened has been amazing and quite humbling, and I've grown more comfortable with the show."

Gans and his wife, Julie, recently purchased a home in Green Valley in Henderson, and the future looks bright for a guy who is now playing in a league of his own.

"I have no problem being associated with Las Vegas," he says, recalling the days when he traveled from Chicago to Guam. "It's a great town, and all of a sudden people are coming just to see us. After 15 years on the road, I think I'm home."

Michael Paskevich is an entertainment reporter and columnist for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

CasinoNotes

Whale of a Show: A film about the underwater world of marine mammals plays through May 26 at Caesars Palace's Omnimax Theatre. *Whales* follows the lives, habits, and relationships of whales and dolphins living in the coastal waters of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Patagonia, Colombia, and Newfoundland.

Downtown Experience: The Fremont Street Experience received a Special Achievement Award from the International Downtown Association. The award recognizes innovative projects, strategies, and events. The Fremont Street Experience transformed Glitter Gulch into a five-block mall covered by a 90-foot-tall canopy that comes alive nightly with a light-and-sound show.

Showroom Opens: "Imagine...A Theatrical Odyssey" opens in June in the Luxor's new showroom with theater-style seating. The 90-minute production extends from underwater fantasy to cyberworld and will have an anticipated $34.95 ticket price.

Party-Party: January 3 is the much-anticipated opening day for New York-New York, the $460-million hotel that recreates the Manhattan skyline. The 2,035-room property adds a Statue of Liberty and a roller coaster to the Strip's architectural frenzy.

"American Superstars" at the Stratosphere recently added the Supremes. The trio includes (from left) Victoria Bentley as Cindy Birdsong, Marva Scott as Diana Ross, and Dorothea Fletcher as Mary Wilson.

Really Big Show: On February 7 a new entertainment attraction opens at the Rio Suite Hotel that will allow guests to ride with performers dressed in bizarre costumes during a 12-minute carnival parade. The festive parade features five 16,000-pound floats that will travel on a 950-foot track suspended above the casino floor. Each float has a different theme and is 27 feet long and 16 feet tall. The $5-million production begins on the hour, every other hour, at noon Sunday through Tuesday and at 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Top This: The old Sands Hotel is making way for the new Sands Expo Congress Center that will cater to the conventioneer. Featuring 6,000 suites and more than 1.4 million square feet of meeting and exhibit space, the hotel is slated for a 1998 completion date.

New Songbird: Jennifer Page, whose credits range from "Les Miserables" to opening for the heavy-metal band Tesla, has joined the Stardust's "Enter the Night" as lead female singer.

Ladies of Motown: A tribute to Diana Ross and the Supremes was added recently to "American Superstars," the musical impersonator show at the Stratosphere. Marva Scott, who was the lead singer in "Enter the Night" at the Stardust, stars as Ross. The Stratosphere's production also features Charlie Daniels, Madonna, and Michael Jackson imitators.

A New Deal: Station Casinos, Inc. created a new form of video poker for its three Las Vegas properties, the Palace, Boulder, and Texas Stations. Players can win two jackpots, the first on the deal (for a good initial hand) and again on the draw.

Sure Insomnia Cure: Texas Station opened a late-night club last fall offering drink specials such as Jell-O Shooters. From 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., partiers at Texas Late Nite will find a larger dance floor and a disc jockey spinning music.

Hoover Dam Weekend Dances • March 7-8 • Boulder City, 293-4918.
"Swan Lake" • March 27-30 • Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 732-3838.
Las Vegas Senior PGA Classic • April 21-27 • 382-6616.
Wilderness Circuit Rodeo • April 24-27 • Laughlin, 298-2214.
City of Lights Jazz Festival • April 26 • Las Vegas, 798-6405.
Helldorado Days and Rodeo • May 13-18 • Las Vegas, 870-1221.
Mesquite Days • May 29-31 • 346-2902.
Laughlin River Days • May 30-June 1 • 298-2214.

SHOWGUIDE

The Las Vegas area offers big-name entertainment and production shows at many clubs and hotels. The Broadway touring company of "Funny Girl" starring Debbie Gibson plays the Aladdin, Penn and Teller appear at Bally's, and Eddy Arnold performs at the Riverside in Laughlin. Showrooms often fill fast, so call ahead for show times and reservations.

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LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 736-0240 or 736-0419: "Country Tonite," revue (dark Tues.); Sinbad Lounge: Entertainment nightly; Theatre for the Performing Arts: "Funny Girl" starring Debbie Gibson, Feb. 11-16.
Arizona Charlie's • 258-5100: Naughty Lady Saloon: Live music Tues.-Sun.; Palace Grand Theatre: TBA.
Bally's • 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" (dark Fri.); Celebrity Room: Penn and Teller, Jan. 3-25; Andrew Dice Clay, Jan 24-25; Engelbert Humperdinck, Feb. 6-12; George Carlin, Feb. 13-March 1 (dark Feb. 27).
The Beach • 731-9298: Concerts.
Boomtown • 263-7777 or 800-588-7711: "Outlaw Women of Boomtown," revue (dark Mon.).
Boulder Station • 432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Railhead Saloon: Jim Messina, Jan. 3; Steven Bishop, Jan. 4; dance bands nightly, entertainers such as Sonny Turner and Cornell Gunther's Coasters; talent contest Mondays thru Jan. 6.
Caesars Palace • 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Circus Maximus: Johnny Mathis, Jan. 23-26; Wynonna, Feb. 19-23; Crosby, Stills and Nash, Feb. 28-March 2; live bands play in the La Piazza Lounge, Olympic Lounge, and Cleopatra's Barge.
Circus Circus • 734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts 11am to midnight.
Continental • 737-5555: Upstairs Silver Slipper Theater: "Guys Will Be Dolls," female-impersonator revue (dark Wed.); Continental Theater: Cook E. Jarr (dark Sun.-Tues.).
Country Star American Music Grill • 740-8400 • Gospel music Sundays.
Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel • 7-DEBBIE or 800-633-1777: Star Theatre: "The Debbie Reynolds Show Featuring the Uptown Country Singers" (dark Sun.); Kenny Kerr Show.
Desert Inn • 733-4566 or 800-634-6909: Crystal Room: Dana Carvey, Jan. 23-26; B.B. King, Feb. 14-16; Frankie Valli, Feb. 27-March 2; Starlight Theatre: Closed thru May.
Excalibur • 597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "King Arthur's Tournament," nightly; "An Evening in Vienna," starring the Royal Lipizzaner Stallions, 2pm daily (dark Fri.); Wild Bills Saloon and Steakhouse and Minstrel's Theatre Lounge: Dance music nightly; Court Jesters Stage: Strolling entertainers 10am-10pm daily.
Fitzgeralds Holiday Inn • 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Don Cloe (dark Tues.), Ray Perez (dark Wed.-Thurs.).
Flamingo Hilton • 733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: "The Great Radio City Spectacular" with the Rockettes (dark Fri.); Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre: "Forever Plaid," '50s musical revue (dark Mon.).
Four Queens • 385-4011 or 800-634-6045: Live entertainment Tues.-Sat. in the French Quarter Lounge.
Gold Coast • 367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): East Lounge: Sorta Dixie Jazz Band, noon to 6pm Mon.-Fri.; bands play in the East and West lounges; Dance Hall and Saloon: Entertainment TBA.
Golden Nugget • 386-8100: Theatre Ballroom: "Country Fever," look-alike variety revue (dark Fri.); entertainment nightly in the lounge.
Hard Rock Hotel • 226-4650 or 800-HARD-ROCK: The Joint: Rock concerts.
Harrah's Las Vegas • 369-5222 or 800-392-9002: Commanders Theatre: "Spellbound"; "The Improv at

PREVIEW

Back to the '40s in Laughlin

The Swing Sisters salute the '40s on January 4 and February 8 at the Ramada Express in Laughlin.

It was a time when swing was king, Sinatra crooned while girls swooned, and a grateful nation welcomed home its heroes.

Visitors can take a sentimental journey to the World War II era at the Ramada Express in Laughlin during the "Back to the 1940s" celebration through February 28. The series of events features big band ballroom dancing and musical salutes to the Swing Era, including concerts by the Mills Brothers, Four Lads, and Kay Starr (see the Showguide for concert dates during January and February).

Vintage movies and newsreels will play at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily in the hotel's Classic Movie Theater. Folks who wear authentic clothing—such as military uniforms or cocktail dresses—for the afternoon dance contests on Tuesday through Saturday can win additional prizes. Vintage war tanks, color-guard performances, photos, fashions, WWII artifacts, and flags of the Allies will form a colorful display. For information on the events call the Ramada Express, 800-243-6846.—*Wendy Miller*

Ice-skaters Troy Goldstein and Elisa Curtis perform in the water-themed "Splash II" at the Riviera. Off-hours, Goldstein studies for his law degree while Curtis attends UNLV and works in medical research.

Harrah's" (dark Mon.); entertainment nightly in the Court of Two Gators Lounge.

Holiday Inn Boardwalk • 735-2400: Lighthouse Showroom: The Unknown Comic (dark Mon.); G. David Howard indf. (dark Mon.); "Visions of Elvis With Michael Conti," (dark Mon.); Mr. Dixie Dooley's Magic Show, 4pm Tues.-Fri.; "Musical Madness," noon and 1:30pm Mon.-Fri.

Imperial Palace • 794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert" (dark Sun.).

Jackie Gaughan's Plaza • 386-2110 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): Plaza Showroom: "Xposed," adult revue (dark Fri.).

King 8 Hotel • 736-8988: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Lady Luck • 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Entertainment TBA.

Las Vegas Hilton • 732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Starlight Theatre: Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Starlight Express" (dark Fri.); also appearing are Chaka Khan, Jan. 24; Nancy Wilson/Norman Brown, Feb. 14; Etta James, Feb. 28.

Luxor • 262-4000 or 800-288-1000: Entertainment TBA.

Maxim • 731-4300 or 800-634-6987: "Comedy Max," comedy nightclub; "Nick Lewin's Comedy Magic," 1 and 3pm (dark Sun.); entertainment in Muldoon's Room.

MGM Grand • 891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Grand Theatre: "EFX" (dark Thurs.); Hollywood Theatre: TBA; Center Stage Cabaret: "Catch a Rising Star," comedy-variety club; bands play during Late Night after the comedy; Bobby Dickerson, nightly except Mon. in the Flying Monkey Bar; entertainment in the Santa Fe Lounge; Grand Garden: TBA.

The Mirage • 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theater: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular (dark Wed.-Thurs.); bands play in the Lagoon Saloon and Baccarat Bar (piano bar).

Monte Carlo • 730-7777: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician" (dark Sun.-Mon.).

New York-New York • 740-6969 or 800-675-3267: "Madhattan," opens May 1.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: "Gone Country," musical revue.

Palace Station • 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Bands play nightly in the Palace Station's Loading Dock Lounge.

Rio Suite • 252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Copacabana Entertainment Complex: Impressionist Danny Gans, opens in mid-Jan.; "Masquerade Show in the Sky," carnival-themed parade above the casino, every other hour beginning at noon Sun.-Tues. and 1pm Thurs.-Sat. (dark Wed.); Ipanema Piano Bar: Entertainment nightly; Club Rio: Dance-video nightclub, Wed.-Sat.; Mambo's Lounge: Entertainment nightly except Sun.

Riviera • 794-9301 (477-5274 Splash): Splash Theatre: Jeff Kutash's "Splash II, Voyage of a Lifetime," nightly; Grand Ballroom: Entertainment TBA; Mardi Gras Showroom (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue (dark Tues.); Mardi Gras Showroom (second floor): "Crazy Girls: Sensuality, Passion, and Pudgy!" adult revue (dark Mon.); "Bottoms Up," burlesque-style revue, 2 and 4pm (dark Sat. and Sun.); "Riviera Comedy Club"; Le Bistro Lounge: "Jazz on the Strip," Mon.; music Tues.-Sat.

Sahara • 737-2515: Congo Theatre: TBA; Casbar Lounge: TBA.

Sam's Town • 454-8048: Western Dance Hall: Bands play 9pm-3am; Roxy's Saloon: Entertainment noon-5am.

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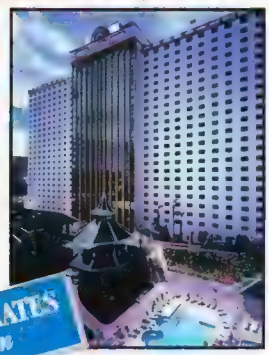

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PREVIEW

Stradivari OF THE SAGEBRUSH

Gagnon's violins are displayed at the state museum in Las Vegas.

Wilfrid J. Gagnon was a miner with a passion for violins. While living in isolated Eldorado Canyon south of Hoover Dam from 1967 to 1979, Gagnon created more than 40 hand-carved violins. Several of the unique instruments will be exhibited through spring at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas.

This Stradivari of the Sagebrush was born in Canada in 1905. As a boy he taught himself to play the violin and became determined to make one of his own. After his family moved to Flint, Michigan, he learned about the craft from a Hungarian violin maker. Gagnon made his first violin as a teenager, later honing his skills while doing interior woodwork on Buicks and Hudsons at the Fisher Auto Body Plant.

In the 1950s Gagnon moved to Las Vegas for health reasons. In 1967 he took up the life of a miner near Nelson in Eldorado Canyon and worked a claim he called the "Nugget of Gold." During his 12 years in that remote country, without the convenience of a telephone, running water, or electricity, he made 42 violins. Each instrument took Gagnon four months or more to build by hand. He used a variety of woods that he carefully seasoned to avoid warping. To form a violin's back and sides, he used a hardwood such as cat's claw, a small tree common to Southern Nevada washes. For the front, or belly, he used a softer wood like Western spruce. He usually made the instrument's neck from cherry. He would file and curve the pieces by hand and carefully glue them together.

A gold miner in Eldorado Canyon, Gagnon made more than 40 violins by hand.

Following Gagnon's death in 1984, his son, Jerry Gagnon of Las Vegas, donated several of the instruments to the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society. The exhibit, "Sagebrush Stradivarius," pays tribute to a solitary man's love of mining and music.

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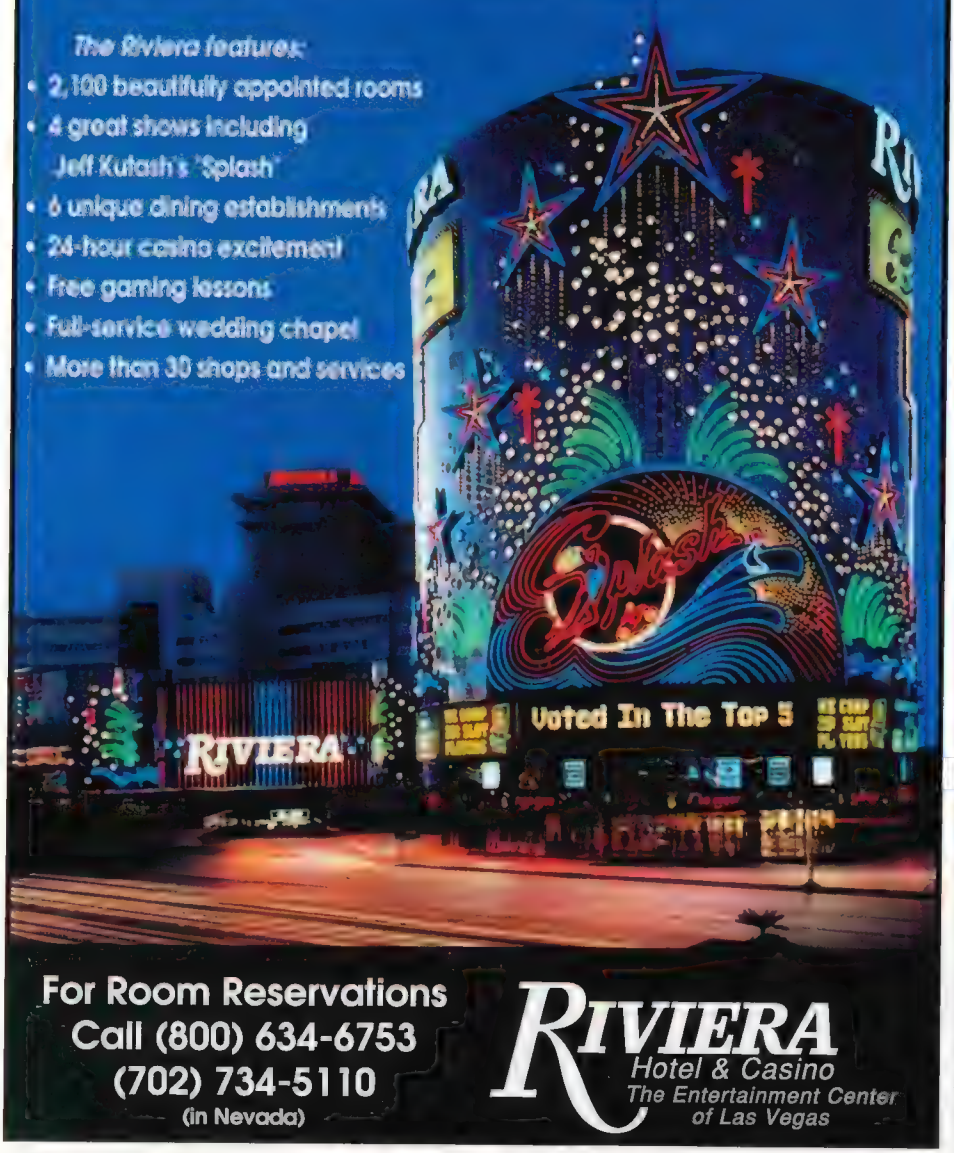

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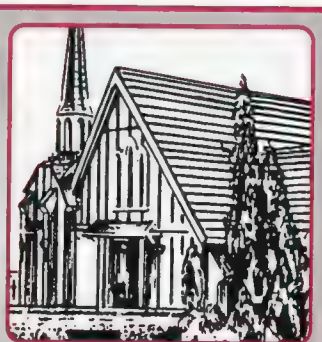

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Tropicana • 739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Folies Bergere" (dark Sat.); Weekend headliners TBA; Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly; bands play in the Tropics Lounge.

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Regency • 298-2439.

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Players Island • 346-7529 or 800-459-7529: Bali Hai Theater: Entertainment TBA; bands play nightly in the Cascades Lounge.

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PREVIEW

A Festival Afoot

The Las Vegas Marathon is a 26.2-mile dash for runners and a spectacle for spectators. **By Dahn Shaulis**

I clearly remember the morning of my first Las Vegas Marathon. The sun had not yet risen, but I could plainly see the star-lit outlines of the Spring Mountains. I was among thousands of entrants gathered at the starting line about four miles south of Jean. We all stretched, jogged, and chatted while warming up for the race on State Route 604, the old Los Angeles Highway.

That anxious, colorful scene will be repeated on Sunday, February 9, during the Las Vegas International Marathon and Half-Marathon. When the starter's pistol sounds at 7:30 a.m., a human wave of men, women, and children from all 50 states and 35 foreign countries will surge toward Las Vegas, bound for the finish line 26.2 miles away in the parking lot of the Vacation Village Hotel. Thirteen miles ahead and half an hour earlier, a similar throng already will have begun the half-marathon, which has a fast downhill course designed for personal-best times.

A runner celebrates crossing the finish line during February's Las Vegas Marathon.

The Las Vegas Marathon represents a grueling but invigorating day for marathoners and a festival-like atmosphere for spectators. One of the oldest marathons in the West, the event was started by the late *Las Vegas Sun* publisher Hank Greenspun in 1966. The field has grown from 102 runners to an expected 7,000 participants this year.

The runners' motivations vary. Some entrants are world-class marathoners running for $43,000 in prize money. Many more are joggers pounding the pavement in their first race and hoping their rubbery legs will hold up for a finisher's medal. Others are veterans striving for new personal bests, relay runners performing five- or six-mile segments for a team, wheelchair racers, and masters or senior runners. Some will be walkers; for the first time the event will include the Las Vegas Racewalking Championship.

Spectators can rub elbows with the marathoners on Saturday, February 8, during a five-kilometer (3.1-mile) fun walk to benefit Opportunity Village. The event includes breakfast and entertainment at the Drink nightclub. Later that afternoon, from 2 to 6 p.m., many runners will gather at Drink for jazz and spaghetti during a pre-race pasta party. (Call 702-876-3870 for information.)

On race day many spectators gather at the finish line at Vacation Village. There, one can browse through the vendors' tent and watch from grandstands as marathoners cross the finish line. Spectators also can walk to the nearby Belz Factory Outlet Mall to cheer the participants as they come down the stretch.

That's the toughest part of the Las Vegas Marathon for many runners. I'll never forget one year when I was struggling as I approached Vacation Village. Suddenly an Elvis impersonator sang out to me, "You're looking good!" I smiled and even picked up my pace. Like other runners nearing the finish line, I appreciated the help after almost 26.2 grueling but invigorating miles.

Dahn Shaulis is a Henderson writer and long-distance runner.

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Fame and Fourtune Slots • Jan. 23-25 • Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777.
Mardi Gras Slots • Feb. 9-12 • Aladdin, 736-0477.
Star Struck Slots • Feb. 23-26 • MGM, 800-929-9410.
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Desert Valley Museum • 346-5705.
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The Planetarium • Community College of Southern Nevada, 651-5059.

OVERTON

Lost City Museum of Archaeology • Pueblo culture, 397-2193.
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EVENTS

The Reno-Lake Tahoe area offers skiing and an abundance of cultural events during January and February. You can join the nonstop activities at Lake Tahoe's Snowfest or watch McAvoy Layne perform as Mark Twain in Carson City. The following listing is divided into areas of interest. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times. Nevada's area code is 702.

January & February

SKI EVENTS & FESTIVALS

MCI Downhill Relays • Jan. 10-12 • Former Olympians and World Cup champions compete. Heavenly Ski Resort, 586-7000.

CE Sports Pro Snowboarding • Jan. 10-12 • Kirkwood Ski Resort, 209-258-6000.

Ski Fest '97 • Jan. 12 • Free learn-to-ski lessons, tours, races. Lakeview Cross-Country Ski Area, Tahoe City, 916-583-9353.

Sprint World Ski Challenge • Jan. 16-17 • North American v. European legends. Resort at Squaw Creek, 415-924-7500 ext. 301.

Coke Cup Regional Races • Jan. 18 • Kirkwood Ski Resort, 209-258-6000.

National Brotherhood of Skiers Winter Carnival • Jan. 18-20 • Races, clinics, and parties. Alpine Meadows Ski Resort, 800-441-4423.

Telemark Ski Race • Jan. 19 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, 916-562-2475.

U.S. Men's Pro Tour • Jan. 23-25 • Competition and bar parties throughout South Lake Tahoe. Heavenly Ski Resort, 586-7000.

FWSA Masters Giant Slalom • Jan. 25-26 • Squaw Valley USA, 916-541-2462.

Lakeview Resolution Solution • Jan. 26 • 20K cross-country race, all ages and abilities. Lakeview Cross-Country Ski Area, Tahoe City, 916-583-9353.

Lord of the Boards • Jan. 30-31 • Alpine, telemark, and snowboard races. Northstar-at-Tahoe, 916-562-2475.

Cross-Country Nature Tour • Feb. 2 • Kirkwood Ski Resort, 209-258-6000.

Lakeview Quick Kick • Feb. 8 • 10K cross-country ski race, all ages and abilities. Lakeview Cross-Country Ski Area, Tahoe City, 916-583-9353.

Ski the Huts Marathon Tour • Feb. 9 • Challenge to ski to nine warming huts in one day. Royal Gorge Ski Resort, 916-426-3871.

Valentine's Day Sweetheart Race • Feb. 14 • Race with or for a sweetheart and win a 14-carat diamond pendant and ring. Heavenly Ski Resort, 586-7000.

President's Day Torchlight Parade and Fireworks • Feb. 15 • Kirkwood Ski Resort, 209-258-6000.

Tahoe Snowboard Series • Feb. 22 • Kirkwood Ski Resort, 209-258-6000.

Winter Police Games • Feb. 24-27 • Alpine Meadows Ski Area, 916-541-2462.

Bluewater Benefit • Feb. 27 • Third annual fund-raiser for Tahoe Adaptive Ski School, which provides ski instruction for the disabled. Bluewater Brewing Co., Tahoe City, 916-581-4161.

Snowfest • Feb. 28-March 9 • Ten days of parties, races, parade, dances, concerts, and a Polar Bear swim in Lake Tahoe during annual winter carnival of North Lake Tahoe. 916-583-7625.

Mogul and aerial competitors fly high over Tahoe during the Bumps and Jumps Challenge Finals at Heavenly.

Photo: Tim Hancock

PERFORMANCES

McAvoy Layne as Mark Twain • Jan. 3 • Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

"Ruthless" • Jan. 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25 • Musical production. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

Taking the Polar Route

Intrepid swimmers go for the cold at Snowfest.

By Kim Pryor

When Snowfest, the largest winter carnival in the West, lights up Lake Tahoe's North Shore, people go a little crazy. They dress up their dogs in clothes, ski with torches, and dance in the streets.

They even jump into the lake's icy waters and go swimming.

Once again during Snowfest, February 28 to March 9, some of the bravest swimmers south of the Arctic will freeze their fannies in Lake Tahoe's 45-degree water during the Polar Bear Swim. Last year 30 people jumped into the lake, swam 150 yards out to a buoy, and then churned back to shore before emerging as shivering human ice cubes. Spectators lined the beach outside Garwoods Restaurant in Carnelian Bay, awed and wondering: Why?

Contestants brave Lake Tahoe's bone-chilling water during Snowfest's annual Polar Bear Swim.

Julie Tester knows. The Carnelian Bay resident took her first Polar Bear plunge five years ago when a friend suggested that Tester, who had been a competitive swimmer in high school and college, sign up for the race. So she donned two bathing suits, smeared petroleum jelly on her body for warmth, and surprised herself by jumping in.

Polar Bear swimmer Julie Tester doesn't warm to wetsuits.

"I had my doubts whether I was going to actually do it up until I did it," she says. "It was in the middle of a blizzard. There were one-foot swells in the lake and a foot of fresh snow on the ground."

Tester placed first in the women's division during the race's first three years. Last year, she finished fourth. These days Tester competes against wimps in wetsuits. "I'm a purist," she says. "I think there should be a separate category for those who wear wetsuits."

Even though the competitors are in the water for no more than five minutes, the physical exertion is grueling. "You're pumping really hard," Tester says. "My lung threshold has gone down because in the winter it's hard to get an aerobic workout. Swimming a 150-yard race takes a big toll on you." After the race, Tester's husband is usually there to wrap her in a towel and warm clothes. And a cold and sore throat following the swim are as much a tradition for Tester as the event itself.

So why does she do it? Tester says her participation has nothing to do with the $150 first prize.

"It's a habit now," she says. "I've always been a person who jumps in the water when it's cold out. I always asked my mom, 'Can I go swimming?' and she would say, 'I don't think so, it's November.' Ever since then I wanted to prove them wrong."

The Polar Bear Swim—tentatively set for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at Garwoods Restaurant—is one of scores of Snowfest events. Call 916-583-7625 to confirm event times or to obtain a schedule.

Kim Pryor is a Lake Tahoe writer who swims the lake only in summer.

Photos: John Thomas (top), Jay Aldrich (bottom)

Reno Philharmonic • Jan. 14 • Including selections from Tchaikovsky and Brahms. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 323-6393.
Winter Blues and Brews Festival • Jan. 18 • Benefit for cancer victims. Ormsby House, Carson City, 883-7477.
Imago • Jan. 21 • Comedy, mime, and dance. Nightingale Concert Hall, U of N, Reno, 784-4046.
Reno Chamber Orchestra • Jan. 25 • Selections from Mozart and Bach. Nightingale Concert Hall, U of N, Reno, 348-9413.
"The Sound of Music" • Jan. 27-29 • Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 686-6600.
Nevada Festival Ballet • Jan. 30 • Lula Washington performs. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 785-7915.
St. Lawrence Quartet Concert • Feb. 1 • Concert, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 686-6600.
Feather, Stone, and Light • Feb. 3 • Concert featuring R. Carlos Nakai, William Eaton, and Will Clipman. Carson City Community Center, 883-1976.
Reno Philharmonic • Feb. 11 • Guest artists soprano Katharine Deboer and tenor Jon Fey. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 323-6393.
Sabella Consort: Renaissance Jazz • Feb. 14 • Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.
"Goodbye Charlie" • Feb. 14-16, 21-23 • Reno Little Theater, 329-0661.
"Don Pasquale" • Feb. 20 and 22 • Donizetti's comic opera. Nevada Opera, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 786-4046.
Patrick Ball Concert • Feb. 21 • Celtic harpist and storyteller. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

The theatrical ensemble Imago creates tricks and illusions during its show January 21 in Reno.

Carson City Chamber Orchestra • Feb. 23 • Concert featuring flautist Mary Miller as soloist. Carson City Community Center, 883-4154.
Chestnut Brass Company • Feb. 23 • Baroque to blues. Nightingale Concert Hall, U of N, Reno, 784-6847.
"Measure for Measure" • Feb. 28-March 1 • Shakespeare's comedy. Redfield Prescenium Theatre, U of N, Reno, 784-6847.

EXHIBITS

Fantastic Plastic • Thru Jan. 3 • Model car display. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.
Charles M. Russell: The West on Paper • Thru Jan. 5 • Paintings and illustrated letters from the collection of the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 329-3333.

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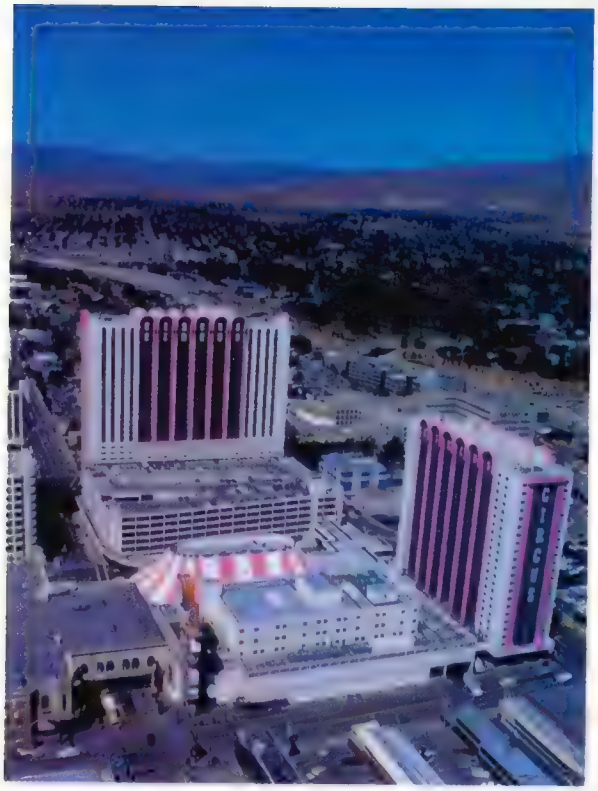

Say good-bye to Circus Circus' pink exterior accents. A change in the Reno casino's color scheme is part of a $35-million makeover.

Best for 21: The Atlantis was rated the best place for blackjack in Reno by *Blackjack Confidential Magazine*. The casino has single and multideck 21 and rules that enable the player to double down on any two original cards.

Deals on Skis: The Carson Valley Inn is one of several Reno-Tahoe properties offering ski packages. The Minden inn has packages ranging from $59 per person for two nights (Sunday through Thursday) to $165 for three nights (Friday and Saturday arrivals). The deals are based on double occupancy and include one or two lift tickets per person, depending on length of stay.

Think Pink: Circus Circus is slated for a facelift this spring that will change the color of the hotel's pink-and-white tower and circus tent. The landmark will receive an off-white base coat before a final color is selected. The makeover is part of a $35-million project that included a 3,000-space garage and renovation of all 1,520 rooms.

Schuss and Putt: Embassy Suites at South Lake Tahoe offers a Ski and Tee package that includes a two-day stay, breakfast, manager's reception, ski storage, and either one adult lift ticket or a round of golf. The package is $99 per person through April 12.

Sudsy News: The Tahoe Mountain Brewery opened this winter at the Lake Tahoe Horizon in Stateline. Visitors will find pub food and five brews, such as Cave Rock Pale Ale, named after local landmarks.

Ski Alert: At South Lake Tahoe, the Inn by the Lake's Ski for Less package offers one night's lodging Sunday though Thursday and an adult lift ticket for $69 per person, based on double occupancy. Friday and Saturday nights are $74.

Home Sweet Home: Casino green comes with a house and lawn on St. Patrick's Day during the Home Sweet Home Sweepstakes at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. The annual promotion, which begins January 17, ends with a drawing for a new home on March 17.

Readers' Choice: The Peppermill's slots were voted "the best in Nevada" by the readers of *Casino Magazine*. The casino also recently added single-zero roulette, which reduces the house's advantage from 5.2 percent to 2.7 percent.

Slots Pay Off: *Casino Player Magazine* has given casinos in the Reno and Lake Tahoe area its 1996 "Loosest Slots Award." On dollar slots, Reno has a 95.9-percent payback, compared to 92 percent for East Coast casinos, according to the magazine; Lake Tahoe's $5 slots rate a 97-percent payback, Reno 96.86-percent. Reno was also at least two percentage points higher than Eastern properties on nickel and quarter slots, with 92.22 and 94.15 percent respectively, the survey reported.

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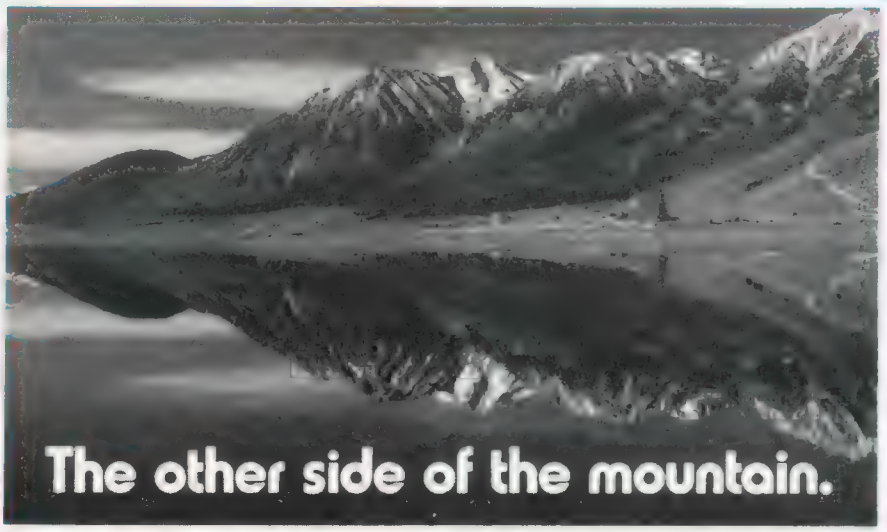

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Reno-Tahoe

Full Deck Art Quilts • Thru Jan. 19 • Smithsonian traveling exhibit of quilts inspired by playing cards. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 329-3333.
Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington • Thru Jan. 24 • Exhibit organized by the Smithsonian Institution. Workshop, lectures, concerts, displays related to Ellington and the jazz era. Carson City Library, 887-2244 ext. 1021.
Royal Elegance • Thru March 31 • Rolls-Royce exhibit. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.
Comics, Characters, and Cartoons—Circa 1930s • Thru Oct. • Display of more than 100 dolls, includes such characters as Charlie McCarthy, Little Orphan Annie, and Popeye. Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, Carson City, 884-2226.
Issues and Landscape of Israel • Jan. 10-March 2 • Two exhibits, New Art From an Ancient Land: Contemporary Art From Haifa, Israel, and The War Trilogy: Images of Israel by Avi Holtzman. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 329-3333.
Straight From the Heart • Jan. 24-Feb. 27 • Show of U of N Professor Edward Martinez's 25-year mixed-media paintings of heart images. Sheppard Gallery, U of N, Reno, 746-6658.
Blackhawk Automotive Art Exhibit • Feb. 24-Aug. 11 • Women and the automobile. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.
Great Basin Basketmakers • Feb. 28-April 11 • Traditional and contemporary basketry. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

GENERAL INTEREST

The Life of Duke Ellington • Jan. 4 and 11 • Free lecture by Scott Faulkner, Carson City Library, 887-2244 ext. 1021.
Sharkey's Serbian Christmas Feast • Jan. 7 • Sharkey's Nugget Casino, Gardnerville, 782-3133.
Field Hollers and Work Songs: The Tap Roots of Jazz • Jan. 8 • Free lecture by Kenn West, Carson City Library, 887-2244 ext. 1021.
Ice Sculpture Competition • Jan. 12 • Chefs and ice artists carve displays. Embassy Suites, South Lake Tahoe, 588-2412.
Blues Singing! A Perspective on What Is and What Ain't • Jan. 15 • Free lecture by Kenn West, Carson City Library, 887-2244 ext. 1021.
Winter Wine and All That Jazz • Jan. 18 • Wine tasting, live jazz, finger-food buffet, $25 per person, benefit for the Carson Advocates for Cancer Victims. Ormsby House, Carson City, 883-7447.
Antique Show and Sale • Jan. 18-19 • Walley's Hot Springs, Genoa, 782-4951.
Super Bowl Parties • Jan. 26 • Football-game parties at casinos throughout the Reno-Tahoe area.

SPORTS & COMPETITIONS

University of Nevada Women's Basketball • The women's team plays Jan. 3 v. Sacramento State, Jan. 10 v. Idaho, Jan. 12 v. Boise State, Jan. 25 v. UC Irvine, Feb. 7 v. Long Beach State, Feb. 9 v. Pacific, Feb. 21 v. North Texas, Feb. 23 v. New Mexico State. Lawlor Events Center, U of N, Reno, 348-PACK.
Reno Renegades Pro Hockey • The Renegades play Jan. 11-12 and 24 v. Bakersfield Fog, Jan. 25 and 29 v. Alaska Gold Kings, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 v. Anchorage Aces, Feb. 8 v. Fresno Falcons, Feb. 12 v. San Diego Gulls, Feb. 16 and 21-22 v. Alaska Gold Kings, Feb. 26 and 28 v. Anchorage Aces. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 828-3400.

PREVIEW

Duke

Duke Ellington is the subject of John Howard's poster art.

The music and life of Duke Ellington is highlighted in a multimedia exhibit that is on display at the Carson City Library through January 23.

"Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington," a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, incorporates interactive video, historic photographs, and informative text. The Carson City Library is one of only 30 libraries in the United States that will host the exhibit.

In addition to the display, which traces Ellington's life and musical influences, the library has scheduled a series of free lectures by jazz aficionados Scott Faulkner, a University of Nevada, Reno professor, and Kenn West, host of the KUNR radio program "Jazz Straight Ahead" during early January (see events listings).

Ellington, who lived from 1899 to 1974, was a noted jazz composer, arranger, conductor, and pianist. Known as the King of Jazz and the Aristocrat of Swing, he composed more than 900 works, including gospel music, plays, musical comedies, ballets, symphonic scores, movie soundtracks, and popular songs.

The Ellington exhibit is on display in the reading area of the Carson City Library, which is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Friday, and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Admission to the exhibit is free. Call 702-887-2244 for more information on the Smithsonian traveling show.

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University of Nevada Men's Basketball • The Wolf Pack plays Jan. 16 v. New Mexico State, Jan. 18 v. North Texas, Jan. 30 v. Santa Barbara, Feb. 1 v. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Feb. 13 v. Cal State Fullerton, Feb. 20 v. Boise State, Feb. 22 v. Idaho. Lawlor Events Center, U of N, Reno, 348-PACK.
Brunswick World Tournament of Champions • Jan. 21-25 • Features 59 champion bowlers and five international players, kicks off the 1997 PBA Tour. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 334-2600.
Silver State Invitational Indoor Track Meet • Jan. 25 • Reno Livestock Event Center, 784-6081.
Bill Cosby Invitational Indoor Track Meet • Feb. 8 • Reno Livestock Event Center, 784-6081.
Holiday Inn Classic Indoor Track Meet • Feb. 15 • Reno Livestock Event Center, 784-6081.
Indoor Track Big West Conference Championship • Feb. 21-22 • Reno Livestock Event Center, 784-6081.

COMING EVENTS

"Grease" • March 3-5 • Reno, 686-6610.
Big West Conference Basketball Tournament • March 7-9 • U of N, Reno, 348-PACK.
Cowboy Jubilee and Poetry • March 8 • Carson City, 883-1532.
Delta Saloon International Mountain Oyster Fry • March 15 • Virginia City, 847-0311.
Mother Earth Awakening Powwow • March 15-17, Carson City, 882-1808.
Sprint Bumps and Jumps Tour • March 21-22 • Heavenly Ski Resort, 586-7000.

Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles appears January 17-19 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

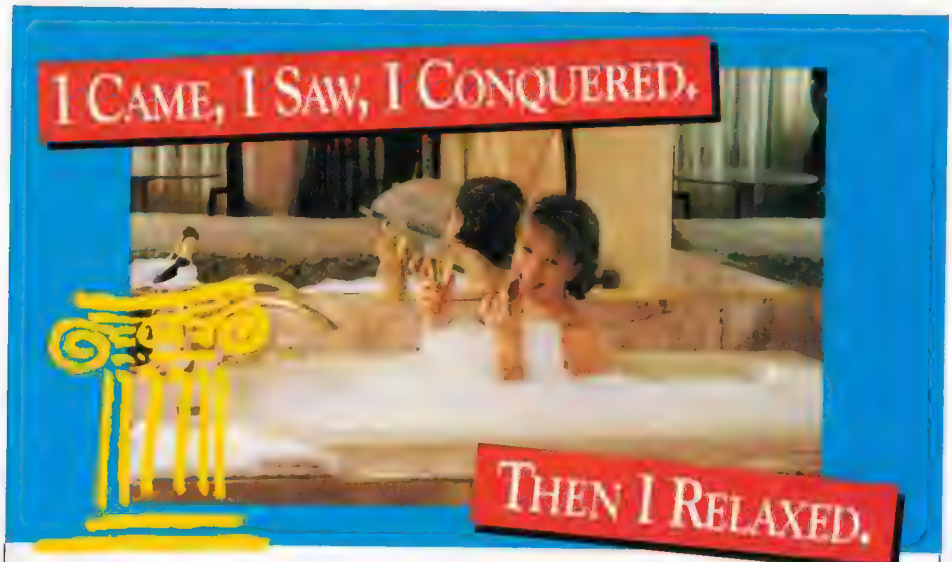
Fiesta Nevada • May 2-4 • Sparks, 353-2284.
Celebrate the River • June 6-8 • Reno, 265-5281.
Night Curves • June 6-8 • Reno, 329-7469.
Reno Rodeo • June 21-29 • 329-3877.

SHOWGUIDE

The Reno-Lake Tahoe area offers production shows and big-name entertainment. Patti LaBelle and Kenny Rogers sing at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, and Wynonna performs at Caesars Tahoe. It's always wise to call ahead for show times and reservations. Nevada's area code is 702.

RENO/SPARKS

Atlantis • 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Center Stage Cabaret: Band on the Run, thru Jan. 5; Steppen Stonz, thru Jan. 19; White Wing, Jan. 7-19; Edy Gainer and



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Diamond Peak	702-831-3211	8,540	1,840	6	18-46-36	$37/$14	$17/$11	Yes
Donner Ski Ranch	916-426-3635	7,751	750	6	25-50-25	$22/$10	$15/$10	Yes
Granlibakken	916-583-4242	6,480	280	2	50-50-0	$15/$8	$15/$12	No
Heavenly	702-586-7000	10,040	3,500	25	20-45-35	$47/$31/$20	$20/$10	Yes
Ski Homewood	916-525-2992	7,880	1,650	8	15-50-35	$35/$25/$11	$19/$12	Yes
Kirkwood	209-258-6000	9,800	2,000	13	15-50-35	$42/$32/$20	$20/$14	Yes
Mount Rose	702-849-0704	9,700	1,440	5	30-35-35	$38/$14	$20/$12	Yes
Northstar-at-Tahoe	916-562-1010	8,600	2,200	12	25-50-25	$45/$37/$10	$24/$15	Yes
Sierra at Tahoe	916-659-7453	8,852	2,212	10	25-50-25	$42/$32/$5	$22	Yes
Soda Springs	916-426-1010	7,352	652	2	30-50-20	$15/free	$15	Yes
Squaw Valley	916-583-6955	9,050	2,850	32	25-45-30	$46/$5	$25/$13	Yes
Sugar Bowl	916-426-9000	8,383	1,500	10	17-43-40	$41/$10	$20/$13	Yes
Tahoe Donner	916-587-9444	7,350	600	3	40-60-0	$26/$12	$18/$13	Yes
AROUND THE STATE								
LV Ski and Snowboard	702-646-0008	9,510	1,000	3	20-60-20	$27/$20	$15	Yes
Elko Snobowl	702-738-6125	7,000	650	2	20-60-20	$6	No	Yes
Ruby Mountains (Elko)	702-753-6867	Ruby Mt. Heli-Skiing in Lamoille offers helicopter skiing						

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Area	Phone	Trail (km)	Trail Fee Adult/Child	Rental Adult/Child	Lessons Adult/Child	Day Lodge
TAHOE BASIN						
Clair Tappaan Lodge	916-426-3632	12	$5/$2.50	$13/$8.50	$14	√
Diamond Peak	702-831-3211	35	$14/$9	$15/$7	$23*	√
Kirkwood	209-258-7248	80	$15/$5	$15/$9	$35/$23*	√
Lake Tahoe Basin	916-573-2600	The U.S. Forest Service has brochures on many forest areas.				
Lake View	916-583-9353	65	$15/$6	$15/$9	$35*	
Northstar-at-Tahoe	916-562-1010	65	$16/$8	$16/$9	$44/$25*	√
Royal Gorge	916-426-3871	328	$19.50/$8.50	$16.50/$9.50	$18/$12	√
Sorensen's	916-694-2266	80	none	$12/$8	$26/$18	√
Spooner Lake	702-887-8844	101	$15/$9	$15/$9	$34/$25*	√
Squaw Valley	916-583-6300	18	$12/$10	$13/$8	$35*	√
Tahoe Donner	916-587-9484	70	$15/$13	$15/$9	$29/$21*	√
AROUND THE STATE						
LV Ski and Snowboard	702-252-8077 702-873-1120	The Ski Chalet offers x-country suggestions The U.S. Forest Service has info on camping and avalanche conditions				
Spring Valley (Eureka)	702-237-5280	Ron Carrion at the Owl Club provides directions and transportation				
White Pine (Ely)	702-289-3031 (USFS) 702-289-1800 (BLM)	Ward Mt. and Loop Trails info. available from the U.S. Forest Service and BLM				

** Includes trail pass, equipment, and lessons*

All prices are subject to change. Call resorts for information about children's programs.

Photo: Larry Prosor

Skiers at Mount Rose (above) will find more snow.

Snowy Slopes

Snow lovers will find winter carnivals and numerous racing events, both for spectators and participants, at Lake Tahoe ski areas this season (see events listing). Tahoe has North America's largest concentration of ski resorts, and many of the basin's 15 downhill areas are luring skiers with special deals and millions of dollars in improvements to lifts, slopes, and lodges. The region's 11 cross-country areas also are gearing up for a snowy winter.

This season, more efficient chairlifts have been installed at such downhill resorts as Alpine Meadows, Diamond Peak, Sierra-at-Tahoe, and Squaw Valley. Breaking with its purist past, Alpine Meadows has opened its slopes to snowboarding.

Northstar-at-Tahoe has all-new rental equipment and each day is offering free ski lessons for high-intermediate and above skiers. Tahoe Donner has new terrain, and fencing was installed on the upper mountain to maintain more consistent snow depths.

Heavenly has received approval for its 20-year master plan, which includes new runs and ski lifts, as well as a gondola linking Heavenly with the Stateline casinos.

Mount Rose will have snowmaking equipment to provide additional coverage near the base and ensure earlier openings.

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Dezire/Madison Avenue, Jan. 21-Feb. 2.
Circus Circus • 329-0711: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight.
Comstock • 329-1880.
Eldorado • 786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Rubber Biscuit: Tribute to the Blues Brothers, thru Jan. 4; Brew Brothers: Entertainment TBA.
Eddie's Fabulous '50s • 329-1950.
Fitzgeralds • 785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada).
Flamingo Hilton Reno • 785-7080: Flamingo Showroom: "American Superstars" (dark thru mid-Feb.); music at Top of the Hilton restaurant (dark Tues.).
Harrah's Reno • 788-3773 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: Frank Sinatra Jr. and the Frank Sinatra Orchestra, thru Jan. 1; Smothers Brothers, Jan. 16-19; "The Great Reno Wild Wild West Show" and "Heart Beat," revues.
John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177 (U.S. and Nevada): Rose Ballroom: Patti LaBelle, Jan. 18-19; Sammy Kershaw, Feb. 7-8; Tom Jones, Feb. 13-14; Kenny Rogers, Feb. 29-March 1; bands play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's restaurant.
Peppermill • 826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Bands play nightly.
Plantation Station • Sparks, 359-9440.
Reno Hilton • 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Hilton Theatre: Peking Circus, thru Jan. 5; Aspen Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun.; Just for Laughs Comedy Club: Stand-up comedy nightly except Mon.
Riverboat • 323-8877.
Silver Club • Sparks, 358-4771 or 800-648-1137 (U.S. outside Nevada).
Silver Legacy • 329-4777 or 800-225-BASS (U.S., Canada, and Mexico): Grand Exposition Hall: Little Richard, Jan. 18; B.B. King, Feb. 8; Silver Legacy Gazebo: Wally Jones and Perry Joe Schirmer, afternoons; Gary Xavier, evenings till midnight; bands play in Legacy Saloon 9pm-3am.
Virginian • 329-4664.
Western Village • Sparks, 331-1069 or 800-648-1170.

CARSON CITY/CARSON VALLEY

Carson Nugget • 882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Bar: Bands play Tues.-Sun.
Carson Station • Carson City, 883-0900: Bands.
Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Cabaret Lounge, live entertainment Mon.-Sat.; country-western dancing and lessons, Sundays.
Ormsby House • Carson City, 882-1890: "Memories of Elvis and Roy Orbison" with Michael and Blue Suede, Jan. 3-5; JoAnn Jordan Big Band Dance, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16; "Comedy at the Capitol," Jan. 24-25.
Piñon Plaza • Carson City, 885-9000: Sports Book Lounge: Bands play Thurs.-Sat.
Sharkey's Nugget • Gardnerville, 782-3133.
Topaz Lodge • Topaz Lake, 266-3339.

STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE

Bill's Lake Tahoe • 588-2455.
Caesars Tahoe • 588-3515 or 800-648-3353: Circus Maximus: Wynonna, Feb. 7-8; Crosby, Stills and Nash, Feb. 21-22.
Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 588-6606 or 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: Four Tops, thru Jan. 1; Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, Jan. 17-19; Bill Medley, Feb. 14-16; "Carnaval," revue, Jan. 15-April 14; Casino Center Stage: Nightly bands, après-ski parties Wed.-Sat.
Harveys • 588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883 (U.S. and Nevada): Emerald Theatre: "Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Live at Harveys," musical revue with Dick Clark as video host (dark Wed.); Llewellyn's: Ron Rose Sound; bands play in the Emerald Party Lounge.
Lake Tahoe Horizon • 588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Grande Lake Theater: Anthony Clark, Jan. 18-19; Golden Cabaret: "Phantasy," magic and comedy revue (dark Mon.); bands play nightly in the Aspen Lounge.
Lakeside Inn • 588-7777.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382: Celebrity Showroom: Double Play Chamber Ensemble, Jan. 24.
Crystal Bay Club • Crystal Bay, 831-0512: Entertainment nightly.
Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe • Incline Village, 832-1234.
Jim Kelley's Tahoe Nugget • Crystal Bay, 831-7157.
Tahoe Biltmore • Crystal Bay, 831-0660: Music and dancing nightly in the Aspen Lounge.

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GAMING TOURNAMENTS

Poker • Weekends • Peppermill, 826-2121.
Keno • Sundays and Dec. 6-7 • Peppermill, 826-2121.
Blackjack • Tuesdays • Peppermill, 826-2121.
Winterfest Keno • Jan. 10-11 • Atlantis, 883-9300, ext. 4467.
Honest Abe Keno • Feb. 21-22 • Atlantis, 883-9300, ext. 4467.

ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & MUSEUMS

CARSON CITY

Brewery Arts Center • 449 W. King St., 883-1976.
Carson and Mills Park Railroad • Seasonal, Mills Park, 887-2523.
Children's Museum of Northern Nevada • 813 N. Carson St., 884-2226.
Kit Carson Trail • Walking tour. 687-7410 or 800-638-2321.
Nevada State Capitol • 687-5030.
Nevada State Library and Archives • State Constitution exhibit. 100 Stewart St., 687-5210.
Nevada State Museum • 600 N. Carson St., 687-4810.
Nevada State Railroad Museum • S. Carson St. at Fairview Dr., 687-6953.
Nevada Supreme Court • Tours. Stewart St., 687-8616.
Roberts' House Museum • 1207 N. Carson St., 882-1805.
Stewart Indian Museum and Cultural Center • 5366 Snyder, 882-1808.
Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum • 777 S. Stewart St., 887-2210.

DAYTON

Dayton State Park • 687-5678.

GARDNERVILLE

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center • Old Douglas County High School on U.S. Hwy. 395 S., 265-2889.

GENOA

Genoa Courthouse Museum • Seasonal, 782-4325.
Mormon Station State Historic Park • Seasonal, 782-4325, 687-4379.
Walley's Hot Springs • 2001 Foothill Rd., 782-8155.

LAKE TAHOE

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park • 2005 Hwy. 28, Incline Village, 831-0494.
M.S. Dixie II Sternwheeler • Zephyr Cove, 588-3508.
Ponderosa Ranch • Seasonal, Incline Village, 831-0691.
Tahoe Gal Paddlewheeler • Tahoe City, 916-583-0141.
Tahoe Queen Sternwheeler • South Lake Tahoe, 800-23-TAHOE.
Tahoe Rim Trail • 150-mile system, 588-0686.
U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center • Stream chamber in creek, 916-573-2600.
Vikingsholm • Tours, 916-525-7232.
Zephyr Cove Resort • 588-5021.

RENO

Animal Ark • 10 mi. north of Reno, then 12 mi. on Red Rock Road, 969-3111.
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National Bowling Stadium • 300 N. Center St., 334-2695.
Nevada Historical Society Museum • 1650 N. Virginia St., 688-1190.
Nevada Museum of Art, E.L. Wiegand Gallery • 160 W. Liberty St., 329-3333.
Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk and Wingfield Park Amphitheater • 334-2077.
Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy • Tours. 300 E. First St., Suite 103, 329-5665.
Sierra Safari Zoo • 10 mi. north of Reno at Red Rock Rd., 677-1101.
Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden • Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4153.
Wilbur D. May Great Basin Adventure • Seasonal, Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4064.
Wilbur D. May Museum • Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-5961.

PYRAMID LAKE

Numana Hatchery Visitors Center • 574-0290.

SPARKS

Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum • 820 Victorian Ave., 355-1144.
Wild Island • Seasonal, Off I-80, 359-2927.

VIRGINIA CITY

Assay Office Museum • 847-0777.
The Castle • Seasonal, 847-0275.
Chollar Mine • Tours, seasonal, 847-0155.
Fourth Ward School Museum • Historical displays in 1876 school, 847-0975.
Julia C. Bulette Red Light Museum • 847-9394.
Liberty Engine Co. No. 1 Comstock Firemen's Museum • Seasonal, 847-0717.
Mackay Mansion Museum • 847-0173.
Mark Twain Museum of Memories • 847-0454.
Nevada Gambling Museum • Old gaming tables, devices, and other memorabilia, 847-9022.
Piper's Opera House • Seasonal, 847-0433.
Ponderosa Mine • Tours, 847-0757.
Territorial Enterprise Mark Twain Museum • 847-0525.
Virginia and Truckee Railroad • Tourist train to Gold Hill, seasonal, 847-0380.
Virginia City Radio Museum • 847-9047.
Virginia City Tours • Narrated trolley tour of Virginia City, 786-0866.
Way It Was Museum • 847-0766.
Wild West Museum • Seasonal, 847-0400.

VERDI

Boomtown Family Fun Center • 345-8668.
Bull Creek Ranch • Trail, wagon, and sleigh rides, 345-7600.

WASHOE VALLEY

Bowers Mansion Park • Historic mansion of Comstock millionaires. Seasonal, 849-1825.
Davis Creek Park • 849-0684.
Washoe Lake State Park • Picnicking, camping. E. Lake Blvd., 687-4319.

A Reminder:

To confirm dates and times, please use the phone number listed with each event. For out-of-state callers, the area code is 702 throughout Nevada. For hotels' toll-free phone numbers, call 800-555-1212.

Rural Territories

EVENTS

Rural Nevada's events include classical music and chariot races during January and February. Visitors can also tour the Hidden Cave archaeological site near Fallon or listen to authentic cowboy poetry and music in Elko. The listing is presented by territory and area of interest. Please call ahead to confirm dates and times. Nevada's area code is 702.

January & February

COWBOY COUNTRY

PERFORMANCES

Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 25-Feb. 1 • Thirteenth annual event featuring poetry, stories, music, dances, and entertainment. Convention Center, Elko, 738-7508.
Feather, Stone, and Light • Feb. 5 • Music featuring R. Carlos Nakai, William Eaton, and Will Clipman. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 635-2651.
Sabella Consort: Renaissance Jazz • Feb. 13 • Concert covers six centuries of music. Event also features a wine and chocolate festival. Community Center, Lovelock, 273-7258.

GENERAL INTEREST

Cowboy Antique Show and Sale • Jan. 31-Feb. 1 • Western gear, memorabilia, and collectibles. Holiday Inn, Elko, 753-6995.
Annual Crab Feed • Feb. 1 • Music by Papa Clutch and the Shifters. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 635-2651.
Chariot Races • Feb. 1-2 • Races, auction, and calcutta. Chariot track, Wells, 752-3540.

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

PERFORMANCES

Chestnut Brass Company • Feb. 7 • Brass quintet in concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 237-6006.
Lazer Vaudeville • Feb. 28 • Laser magic show combined with vaudeville. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 237-6006.

GENERAL INTEREST

Hidden Cave Tours • Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22 • Hike to view archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677.

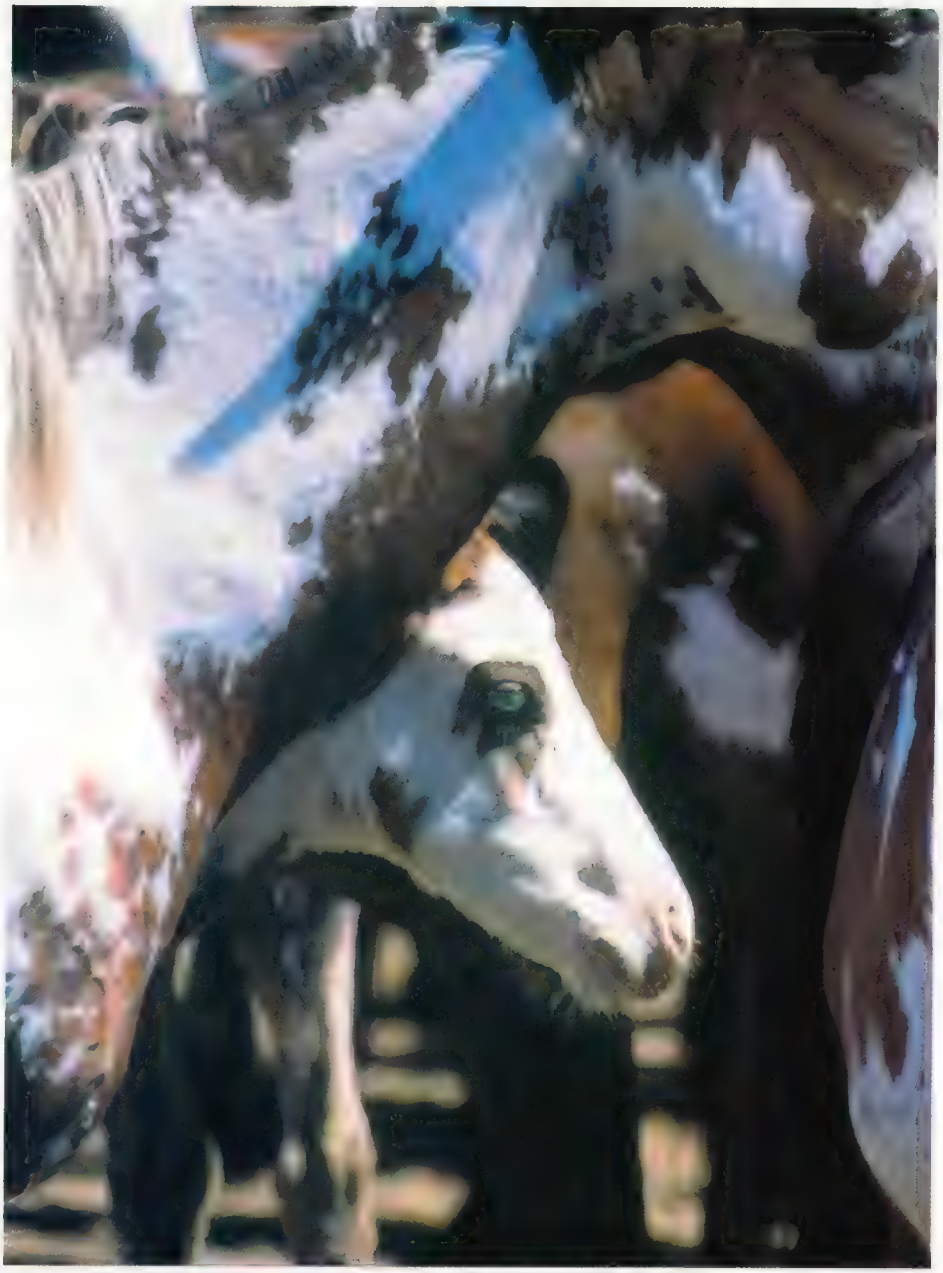
PIONEER TERRITORY

PERFORMANCES

Don Edwards in Concert • Jan. 25 • Guitarist and composer performs authentic Western music and cowboy lore. Catholic Center, Yerington, 463-3066.
Chestnut Brass Company • Feb. 22 • Brass quintet in concert. Catholic Center, Yerington, 463-3066.

SPORTS & COMPETITIONS

Nevada State Cowboy Action Shooting Championship • Jan. 17-19 • Fast draw, obstacle course, target, and black powder competition. Saddle West Hotel, Pahrump, 727-1111.
Walker Lake Fishing Derby • Feb. 17-19 • Hawthorne, 945-5896.



Shutterbugs will learn from the experts during Shooting the West, the annual photographic conclave to be held March 7-9 in Winnemucca. Above: "Horses" by participant Jess W. Smith of Winnemucca.

COMING EVENTS

Shooting the West IX • March 7-9 • Photography conference. Winnemucca, 623-6458.
"Feather on the Sea" • March 12 • Idaho Theater for Youth presentation. Battle Mountain, 635-2651.
Rhyolite Festival • March 17 • Rhyolite, 553-2424.

Photo: Jess W. Smith

PREVIEW

High Wizardry in Eureka

The wizard of Lazer Vaudeville appears February 28 at the Eureka Opera House.

Superficially, Lazer Vaudeville defines itself as a high-tech laser magic show combined with old-fashioned vaudeville. Dig deeper, and you'll discover a talented trio of entertainers who juggle machetes and chain saws. They also conjure up a wizard who performs magic with laser beams. And presiding over the performance is Alfonzo, a break-dancing, seven-foot-tall, fluorescent, fire-breathing dragon.

The touring company, which will perform February 28 at Eureka's historic opera house, includes Cindy Marvell, the first woman to win the International Juggling Association's championship. Children will be selected from the audience to help her spin plates in the show's "cooking segment." A showgoer will have the chance to escape from a straightjacket.

Marvell's two partners, Carter Brown and Jeff Taub, are master jugglers who used to be Ringling Brothers clowns. Brown, Lazer Vaudeville's founder, has perfected bicycle-hoop rolling and spins a wicked luminescent rope. Taub, an admirer of the Three Stooges, has his own advanced degrees in silliness and spends off hours searching truck stops for the perfect cup of espresso. Call the Eureka Opera House, 702-237-6006, for more information.—*Ann Henderson*

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Tonopah 300 • March 28-30 • 300-mile off-road race. Tonopah, 457-5775.
Bordertown Bike Challenge • May 6 • Wendover, 664-3414.
Pioche Heritage Days • May 8-10 • 962-5544.
Desert Oasis Bluegrass Festival • May 16-18 • Fallon, 423-2544.
Jim Butler Days • May 23-26 • Tonopah, 482-3859.
Lincoln County Memorial Day Homecoming Celebration • May 23-26 • Caliente, 726-3121.
Portuguese Celebration • May 31-June 1 • Yerington, 463-3842.
Smith Valley Strawberry Festival • May 31-June 1 • 465-2481.
Mining Expo and Golf Tournament • June 4-6 • Elko, 738-4091.
Denio Barbecue and Roping • June 7 • 941-0357.
Gridley Days • June 13-15 • Austin, 964-2200.
Pizen Switch Round-Up • June 29 • Yerington, 463-2245.
Fourth of July Festivities • Statewide.
Ranch Hand Rodeo • July 4-5 • McDermitt, 532-8742.
Elko's National Basque Festival • July 5-7 • 738-7991.
Silver State Stampede Rodeo • July 12-14 • Elko, 738-1499.
All-Indian Rodeo, Stampede, and Pioneer Days • July 18-20 • Fallon, 423-2544.
Land Speed Opener and Hot Salt II • July 24-27 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862.
Native American Festival • July 25-27 • Elko, 753-3794.
Wells Fun Run • July 25-27 • 752-3540.
Wells Junior Rodeo • Aug. 2-3 • 752-3540.
Eureka County Fair • Aug. 8-10 • 237-5484.
Jarbidge Days • Aug. 9-10 • 488-2311.
Lyon County Fair and Rodeo • Aug. 14-17 • Yerington, 463-2090.
Lincoln County Fair and Panaca Rodeo • Aug. 17-18 • 726-3129.
Speed Week • Aug. 17-24 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862.
Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow • Aug. 22-24 • Yerington, 463-5834.
Elko County Fair • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Elko, 738-3616.
White Pine County Fair • Aug. 30-31 • Ely, 289-8877.
Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Fallon, 423-2544.
Winnemucca Tri-County Fair and Stampede • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • 800-WMCA-NEV.
Pioche Labor Day Celebration • Aug. 30-Sept. 2 • 962-5544.

SHOWGUIDE

Many lounges in rural Nevada casinos have bands on weekends. Call ahead for show times. Nevada's area code is 702.

COWBOY COUNTRY

BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Owl Club • 635-5155.

ELKO

Commercial Hotel • 738-3181: Comedy on Wed.
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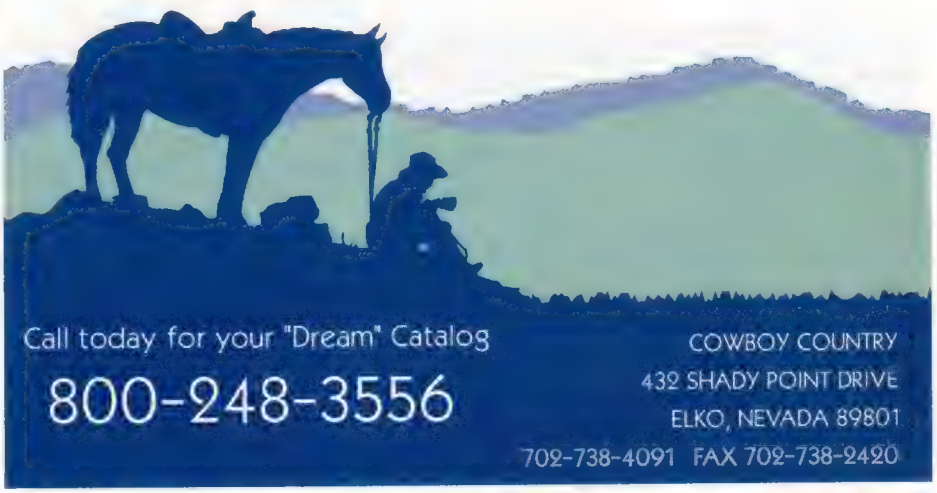

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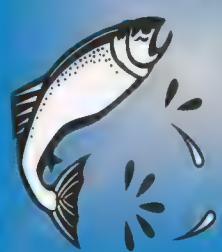

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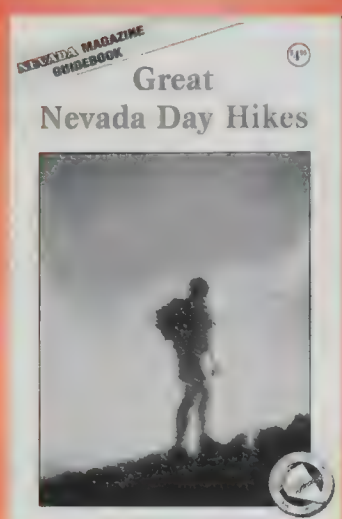

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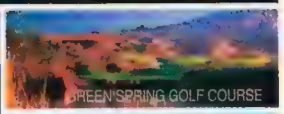
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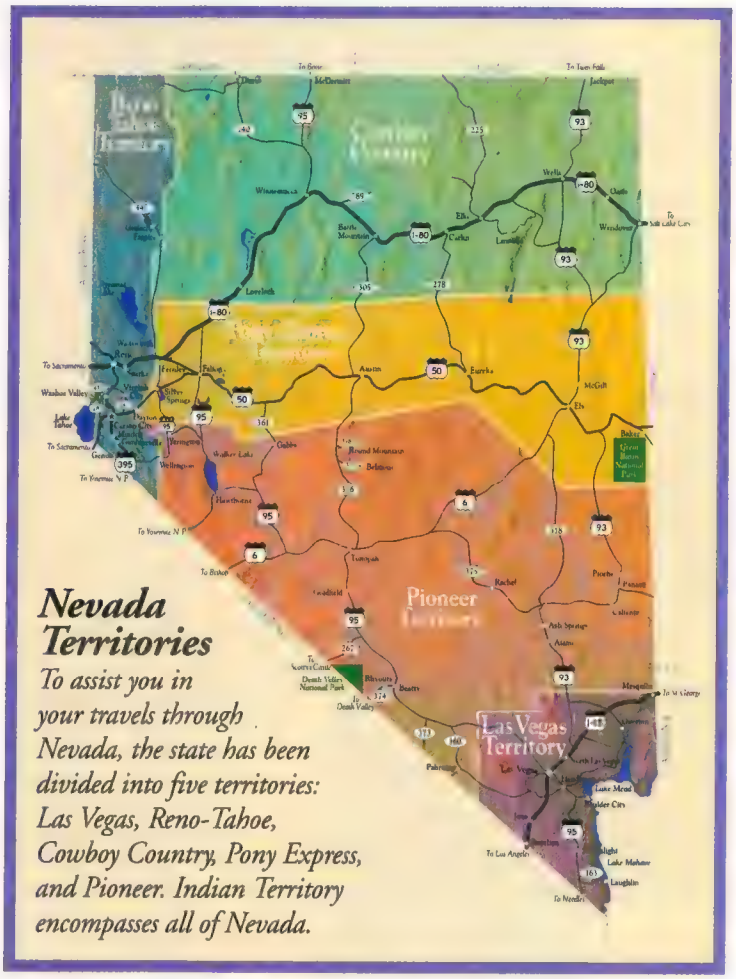

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REVIEW

'American Bandstand,' The Musical

Dick Clark's revue tops the charts at Harveys.

By Ann Henderson

On paper, "Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Live at Harveys" is a show that should never work. The concept has America's oldest living teenager, Dick Clark, hosting the Harveys Lake Tahoe revue—via television screens. It seems doubtful that a musical production with an absentee host could catch on with showgoers used to glitz, showgirls, and magicians.

But "Bandstand" works beautifully. In 70 minutes the show pays a satisfying tribute to five decades of music, from Motown and disco hits to the British Invasion and popular musicals, and includes two funny audience-participation numbers. Each decade begins with Clark as video-host, reliving classic moments and music from the *American Bandstand* TV show, including one hilarious bit with Cheech and Chong trying to rate new songs in their fuzzy, convoluted style.

Sean Cooper stars in Harveys' "Bandstand," a tribute to 50 years of rock 'n' roll.

In the opening Clark recalls how his Philadelphia television show began in 1957. For showgoers taking their teenaged kids, Harveys' revue provides a this-was-Mom-and-Dad's-kind-of-music history lesson.

The opening medley from the '50s is crazed, moving nonstop through "Rockin' Robin," "Rock Around the Clock," and "See You Later Alligator." (Wasn't the stroll just the dreamiest dance?) The '60s segment demonstrates other dances such as the swim, hully gully, mashed potato, and twist. The costumes are colorful if not exaggerated, especially the awful piled-high hairdos on the women and the strange pompadours on the men.

"Bandstand's" cast of eight performers—plus a four-piece band, a rarity in a small revue—carries off an ambitious and exhausting program. Lead dancer-comedian-impersonator Sean Cooper evokes cheers during James Brown's "I Feel Good," complete with splits and silly grin. Then he rolls right into an impersonation of Sammy Davis Jr. doing Peggy Lee's signature number, "Fever." Cooper teams with lead male singer Tim McManus to form the Blues Brothers, and they do a right-on "Soul Man." The audience screams and claps during McManus' rousing solo of "Unchained Melody."

Michelle Mais, the lead female singer, has appeared on Broadway and the television show *Silk Stalkings*. She's particularly strong when the disco beat picks up with "Last Dance" and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody."

The pace slows when a member of the audience is called on stage to impersonate Elvis. At a recent show, the Elvis was a father with two children. His daughter obviously thought she'd never be able to show her face in public again. Her brother was giggling, expecting to see his father make a fool of himself. Dad's good-natured rendition of "All Shook Up" proved both correct.

Before you see "Bandstand," it is recommended that you bone up on the "Name Game." Lead singer Michelle Mais wanders through the audience, encouraging showgoers to call out their names, take the microphone, and rhyme in time. On paper the routine sounds as if it would never work, but for this show it's right in tune.

Ann Henderson, Nevada Magazine's *events editor, is a recycled teenager with a passion for Motown.*

Rockin' Tonight

"Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Live at Harveys" appears indefinitely at Harveys' Emerald Theatre at Stateline, Lake Tahoe. Show times are 7:30 and 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 p.m. Sunday (dark Wednesday). Admission is $16.50 and includes tax but no drinks. Call 702-588-2411 or 800-HARVEYS.

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